and support helplines to assist those in need.

(d) and (e) MOIA had invited suggestions from the States in which this problem is acute for improving the guidance booklet. A national consultation was also held on 18th February, 2006 to which States in which the problem is acute were invited and their views on the issue were noted.

People going to Gulf and other countries

460. SHRI C. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of new guidelines for clearance of those persons going to gulf and other countries for work;

(b) whether those guidelines have been found tough and people find it difficult to get emigration clearance;

(c) if so, whether it is proposed to amend the guidelines;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS (SHRI VAYALAR RAVI): (a) The procedure of grant of emigration clearance is contained in Rules 15 and 16 of the Emigration Rules, 1983 and guidelines issued from time to time. No new guidelines has been issued in this regard.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Application for dual citizenship

†461. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of OVERSEAS INDIAN AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications from Non-Resident Indians for dual citizenship that have been received, so far;

(b) the names of countries from where these applications have been received mainly; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.